



Dear District 10 Residents and Friends,

As I drove around our district this past week, it became clear that Fall has finally arrived! The leaves are falling and Halloween was as festive as ever, with all sorts of goblins and ghouls coming by the neighborhood in search of candy. While one of my favorite parts about the Fall is the wonderful holidays that we get to share with our friends and families, I also enjoy this time of the year because it presents each of us with an opportunity to give back to our community.

As you look through this November issue, there are a number of events which I think really bring out the spirit of the season as a time not only to spend with family, but a time of giving as well. Coming up on Saturday Nov. 12th is the AVAC Family Fun Run, a fantastic family event that I was asked to chair. The most rewarding aspect of this event is that all the proceeds are going to Hospice of the Valley, a nonprofit which has been serving our community for years. This event is not only a wonderful opportunity to bring your family together on a Saturday morning; it is also a great way to show your children the importance of giving back to one of the many amazing charity groups in our community. Enjoying the beauty of Lake Alamden is always a plus as well.

Hospice of the Valley is an organization that I am proud to say has provided care and support to friends and relatives in our district since 1979. November is actually national hospice month as well, making the Family Fun Run even more timely. While the work of Hospice of the Valley is exceedingly difficult, they provide a service which allows all of us to reflect upon the importance of being charitable and giving back during this time of the year.

Speaking of providing service to the community, I am so proud that District 10 already has so many individuals that constantly go out of their way to support and build a stronger community for all of us. Just this past month, Mayor Gonzales presented District 10's very own VEP Community Association with an award for outstanding volunteer service. VEP earned this award because of hard work and superb civic responsibility in landscaping and maintaining several streetscape areas of their neighborhood. It is individuals such as the members of VEP who truly reflect the goodwill and service which is possible from each of us as we go about our day.

In closing I would like to wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season. While many of us are enjoying a delicious home-cooked Thanksgiving meal, it will truly be a time to give thanks for all that we have; but also to be thankful for the power each of us holds to give back to our community during this time of holiday cheer!

Best wishes,
Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten

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District 10 Announcements

- **Councilmember Pyle has been asked to plan the invocations** for November's City Council meetings. Those giving invocations include Father Brendan McGuire of Holy Spirit Church, Castillero's Choir, and a number of other fantastic guests who will welcome everyone to the 1:30 pm meetings in November.
- **The District 10 Office will be closed on the following dates,** November 11, 23, 24, & 25. During the month of December, the office will be closed on the 23rd through January 2nd.
- **The next issue of Nancy's News** will be hitting the press in January, 2006.

Events for November

AVAC's Family Fun Run

November 12th at 9 am @ Almaden Lake Park

Come out and run for a great cause! The Almaden Valley Athletic Club will be hosting the run to benefit Hospice of the Valley, the oldest, nonprofit hospice in Santa Clara County. The run is a 5k or 10k walk or run that will take place along the trail around Almaden Lake Park. The event is open to participants of all ages and will feature door prizes, t-shirts, refreshments, food, and entertainment.

Entry fees are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children before Nov. 8th, & \$25 and \$20 thereafter. All proceeds go to benefit Hospice of the Valley.

Learn more about this great family event at www.avac.us/ and <http://www.hospicevalley.org/>



Happy



Thanksgiving

Councilmember Nancy Pyle would like to wish everyone happy holidays as we move into November and December. In order to share in the spirit of the season, Councilmember Pyle and her staff plan to volunteer their time at Sacred Heart on November 23rd. Working with staff from several other District Offices, Nancy plans to help distribute holiday meals to those who need them the most. If you are interested in helping out in a similar fashion this holiday season, please visit <http://www.shcstheheart.org> for more information on opportunities to volunteer.

For assistance from the City of San Jose, please call the City Hall Call Center at 535-3500

Tours of City Hall

Approximately 20,000 people toured City Hall on Oct. 15th. If you missed out, **you can still tour the new facility Monday – Friday with a self guided tour or a docent led tour on Tuesdays at noon.** Come and visit – we'd love to see you! Call 277-4000 for more information.

Community Spotlight

Nancy extends her congratulations to the following groups & individuals for the month of November!

- **AVAC & Hospice of the Valley** – AVAC has been hard at work planning the Family Fun Run, with all proceeds going to benefit Hospice of the Valley. Both of these organizations have worked so hard to make this great family event a success. Be sure to come out and show your support on November 12th!
- **Almaden Business Association** – The Almaden Business Association has been integral in helping to raise money to purchase books for the new Almaden Library & Community Center.
- **VEP** – VEP received the Mayor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service on October 8th for demonstrating superb civic responsibility in landscaping & maintaining several streetscape areas in their neighborhood.
- **San Jose State University** – San Jose State volunteered its services and facilities as the San Jose home site for a number of individuals affected by Hurricane Katrina. Many of the individuals assisted by the university are doing quite well and one has even found success as a chef at the Toll House Restaurant in Los Gatos!

District 10 Highlights

Four Street Landscaping Renovations Planned for District 10

Beginning in October the Department of Transportation will be initiating 4 new street landscape projects in D-10. These renovations aim to remove plant material that is unsightly and inappropriate for the locations in which it was planted due to maintenance costs and pedestrian safety concerns. Each of the projects is outlined below:

- **Median Island on Coleman Rd. (Between Santa Teresa & Winfield)**
 - *Removing:* Acacia ground cover, due to frequent trimming & safety issues
 - *Adding:* Red Carpet Roses, which grow to a height of 3 feet maximum
- **Median Island on Winfield Blvd. (West of Coleman)**
 - *Removing:* Abelia shrubs, which require trimming &
 - *Adding:* Low growing shrubs similar to Abelia (don't require trimming)
- **Roadside Properties on both sides of Coleman Rd. (Santa Teresa & Foothill)**
 - *Removing:* Photinia shrubs, which are very old, woody, and unattractive
 - *Adding:* Keeping area bare to provide a cleaner and more maintained look
- **Median Island and Roadside Properties on Blossom Hill Rd. (Each side of Chambertin)**
 - *Removing:* Lantana ground cover, a plant which is difficult to contain
 - *Adding:* New wood chip mulch, giving the area a clean look & blocking weeds

Neighborhood Center

Beginning Website Development

Thursday, November 10, 2005, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue, San José, CA 95116

Presented by: Metha Sizemore, City of San José - PRNS

Learn the very basics of creating a website by using free Internet resources. Utilize these tools to create a website for your community organization. By the end of the class, you'll have started your own website!

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Proud of Your Home? The Office of San José Beautiful is accepting applications for the Neighborhood Improvement Award. Applications are due Friday, December 3, 2005. Call 408.723.1574 or email ndc@sanjoseca.gov to have an application mailed out to you.

Recognition for Families that Volunteer - The FamilyFun Volunteers Program recognizes families that volunteer together to benefit others or improve the community or world. Families that enter this contest should consist of a minimum of two persons, at least one of whom is under 18 and one over 18 years of age. For five Grand Prize families, DisneyHAND will donate \$5,000 to the nonprofit charity or public school of each family's choice, and for 25 First Prize families, \$1,000 will be donated to the organization of each family's choice. All winning families will receive a package of FamilyFun books and kits. The entry deadline is January 15, 2006. Submission instructions are available at <http://familyfun.com/volunteers>.



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Support for School Enrichment Projects - The Toolbox for Education Grant Program, administered by Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, supports school and parent groups that develop school projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit. Examples of funded projects include school nature trails, peer tutoring, disability awareness, after-school programs, etc. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be provided to school or parent groups nationwide that have a group tax ID # or official 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. Lowe's expects up to 1,000 schools to receive grants during the 2005-06 school year. The application deadlines are November 1, 2005 and March 15, 2006. For more information, please visit <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>.

San Jose Facts & Trivia

- San Jose was proclaimed the Third Most Fun City in America by Cranium Inc., makers of the popular board game.
- San Jose leads the nation in patent generation, and is home to more patent holders than San Diego and Los Angeles combined.

And now for this month's trivia question:

When will San Jose celebrate its 230th birthday?

- Answers to this and more can be found on the D10 website -

City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at **200 East Santa Clara Street**.

Looking for even more news?

Have you visited the District 10 website lately? Keep up to date on the D10 news that's important to you at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district10/> !



Flower planting volunteers at Jeffrey Fontana Park

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005: 7:30 PM-8:30PM
Montevideo Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting
Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA) Monthly Meeting
Southside Community Center; 5585 Cottle Road

Monday, Nov. 14, 2005: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting
McDonald's Restaurant; 5925 Almaden Expressway

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005: 7:30 PM-8:30 PM
Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA) General Membership Meeting
Sakamoto Elementary School; 6280 Shadelands Drive (Shadelands Drive and Colleen Drive)

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM
Hoffman/Via Monte Neighborhood Action Council (NAC) Monthly Meeting
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005: 7:30 PM
VEP General Meeting
Gunderson High School; 622 Gaundabert Lane

Thursday, Nov. 24, 2005: 9:00 AM
Turkey Trot – Run or Walk for Health, Hope, and a Home
Starting at The Center for Performing Arts; 180 Park Avenue

Answer for last month's trivia question

Q: Where would you find the largest exhibition of Ancient Egyptian antiquities in the Western United States?

A: The Egyptian Museum at Rosicrucian Park in San José. In 1928, the Rosicrucian Order conceived of a public collection, "The Rosicrucian Egyptian Oriental Museum." A grand tour of Egypt followed in 1929, and this enthusiasm generated many more donations of artifacts and funds for the Museum.

